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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Ballard

Serial No. 09/454,492

Group Art Unit: 2164

Filed: December 6, 1999

Examiner: Weisberger

For: Remote Image Capture with Centralized Processing and Storage

ELECTION AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 10, 2002, please amend this application as follows:

In the claims:

Rewrite claim 55 to read as follows:

55 (thrice amended). A method for transmitting data within and between one or more remote subsystems, at least one intermediate subsystem and at least one central subsystem in a tiered manner wherein each of the at least one central subsystem communicates with the at least one intermediate subsystem and each of the at least one intermediate subsystem communicates with each of the one or more remote subsystems, comprising the steps of:

capturing an image of checks and extracting data therefrom;